

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study
Highway 404 HOV Lane Expansion and Rehabilitation from 407 ETR to Stouffville Road, Regional Municipality of York
G.W.P. 2930-02-00

THE STUDY

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained **MMM Group Limited, a subsidiary of WSP Global**, to undertake the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the widening of a 10.4 km section of Highway 404 to include the addition of one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane along each of the northbound and southbound lanes, replacement of the Rouge River Bridges, rehabilitation needs throughout the corridor and reconfiguration of the 16th Avenue interchange ramps. The HOV lanes will begin from the existing terminus on Highway 404 north of the 407 ETR and extend to Stouffville Road, in the Regional Municipality of York. The study area is shown on the key plan.

BACKGROUND

Following the Preliminary Design Study completed in 2016, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) documenting the transportation needs, rehabilitation, safety and operational improvement requirements for a 26 km section of Highway 404 from 407 ETR to Green Lane was published for public review, and subsequently received Environmental Assessment approval.

This Detail Design and Class EA Study will be carrying forward a portion of the 2016 approved TESR, which will be divided into a series of construction contracts.

PROCESS

This study will follow the approved environmental planning process for Group 'B' projects under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities 1999*, as amended in 2000, with the opportunity for public input throughout.

Upon completion of the Detail Design and Class EA Study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared and made available for public review. A DCR will be prepared for each contract.

CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS

Public consultation is an important part of the Class Environmental Assessment process. One Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held at a key milestone during the study to provide agencies, municipalities, business owners, members of the public, and other stakeholders with an opportunity to review, comment on, and discuss the study with members of the Project Team.

For additional details, please visit the study website at www.hwy404widening.ca. The Project Team will provide regular updates on the study website with information on events such as the PIC and study documentation. Notice of the PIC and review of the DCRs will also be published in local newspapers and sent directly to those on the study mailing list.

If you wish to be added to the study mailing list, or submit comments, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.



Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.